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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H04L12/14

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

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No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Box III

The International Searching Authority has determined that this international application contains multiple (groups of) inventions, as follows:

1. Claims 1-10 (in part)

Association of at least two types of charging with a service.

2. Claims 1-10 (in part)

Association of a plurality of services with a user.